

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

ANNUAL PROPERTY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area



Property Types: Wildlife Areas, Fisheries Areas, & Natural Resource Areas

Counties: Shawano, Outagamie, Waupaca & Winnebago

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Purpose

The purpose of this Annual Property Implementation Plan is to document and share with our publics and partners a summary of the major planned and proposed forest and habitat management treatments, recreation and infrastructure development projects, and other property management actions. Annual Property Implementation Plans include planned treatments as well as scheduled treatments that may not be implemented in the current year but under consideration for future implementation. This Implementation plan includes a summary of habitat restoration projects, timber sales, tree plantings, prescribed burns and development projects including new or expended parking areas, trails, buildings, roads or other infrastructure. Annual Property Implementation Plans do not include routine maintenance or minor actions, including mowing, building maintenance, inventory or field surveys.

Annual actions are directly tied to the property's master plan, which was approved by the Natural Resources Board in October 2017. The master plan can be accessed online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/> and searching property planning. All of the planned treatments and developments are approved and consistent with the property Master Plan developed with significant additional public input.

A full list of forest and habitat management treatments can be viewed on the Departments web page by searching "Annual Property Implementation Plan"

I. Forest Management

Rat River Wildlife Area – timber sale on N. Loop Road not sold.

Wolf River Wildlife Area – timber sale on Marsh Road not sold.

Templeton Bayou (Towns of Fremont/Weyauwega) – 90-acre bottomland hardwood thinning with a minor component of oak regeneration harvest. Sale to be sold in 2019 under a 4-year contract.

Mukwa Wildlife Area – Hackberry Ridge Sale – 102 Acres (Thompson Road) bottomland hardwood thinning with some oak regen—going out for bids this winter (2019) with a 4-year contract; Markman Sale – 103 Acres (Jennings Road) bottomland hardwood thinning with ash salvage. Sale is going to be re-marked and sold; Driftwood Sale – 129 Acres (Cty Road X) bottomland hardwood thinning—being sold as a direct sale.

LWRBNRA Lemke Parcel – 33-acre bottomland hardwood stand to be marked and sold.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--LaSage Unit – timber sale partially cut.

LWRBNRA Shiocton Kraut Parcel – 7 acres to be evaluated for a thinning.

LWRBNRA Bergstrom Wetland Complex—small timber sale may be direct sold.

Mack Wildlife Area – possible re-establishing/combining 2 timber sales that have contracts expiring. Evaluate aspen south of the state trail.

DeWolfe/Rueden's Parcel—timber sale established but not cut.

Koepke's Landing – evaluate 36 acres of bottomland hardwoods.

Outagamie Wildlife Area – potential harvest of timber on westside of Wolf River. Partial cut of sale on Hwy 187.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--Herb Behnke Unit – finish Airport timber sale, include small patch of aspen. Another 157 acres to be evaluated for timber sale.

Deer Creek Wildlife Area – finish timber sale on west side of property. Another 48 acres of timber to be evaluated for harvest.

Navarino Wildlife Area—Compartment 10 will have a timber sale after marking is complete and bids offered. Compartments 1 & 2 are being cut. Compartments 3, 7, 8, & 13 are partially cut. Compartments 12 & 15 are not started yet. Compartments 1 & 11, plus overstory removal in 3, needs to be evaluated for marking in 2019-20.

LWRBNRA Beilfuss Parcel—to be sold as a direct sale.

II. Recreation Management

Wolf River Wildlife Area – Schmidt Road gravel project.

LWRBNRA Wilderness Unit – trail improvements.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--Herb Behnke Unit – trail improvements.

Deer Creek Wildlife Area – trail improvements.

Navarino Wildlife Area—finish the accessible trails project near Navarino Nature Center.

III. Facilities Management

Mack Wildlife Area—south parking lot to be graveled.

DeWolfe— parking lot construction.

Outagamie Wildlife Area –two parking lots to be graveled.

LWRBNRA Wilderness Unit –pump to be replaced. Possible parking lot improvement.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--Herb Behnke Unit – 2 parking lot renovations, 2 parking lot construction, and 2 high capacity well abandonments.

Maine Wildlife Area – parking lot renovation.

Deer Creek Wildlife Area – removal of water-control structure to be replaced with ditch plug.

Navarino Wildlife Area—barn roof replacement and repair project; furnaces replaced in shop; repair of 9 parking lots; survey boundaries.

IV. Wildlife, Fisheries, and Habitat Management

Rat River Wildlife Area—2 prescribed burns planned-Sauby Road unit is 30 acres and Thompson Road burn is 85 acres. Fecon brush removal on Hwy M (dogwood); plant apple trees in 3 locations.

Wolf River Wildlife Area– 18-acre prairie planting on the Pheasants Forever parcel. Box elder fence line removal and burning of brush piles.

LWRBNRA Larson Parcel—potential mowing project in walleye spawning marsh.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--LaSage Unit – Potential rip rap repair project on the Wolf River. Brush removal on flowage dikes.

LWRBNRA Lutz Parcel – 110-acre conversion of agricultural fields to native prairie; plant apple trees.

LWRBNRA Bergstrom Wetland Complex--dikes on the east side of Van Patten Road will be reconstructed, adding 3 new water control structures and replacing 2 structures. Phragmites spraying will occur in August.

LWRBNRA Conradt Parcel– 23-acre tree planting project. Project will be protected by a deer proof fence.

LWRBNRA Wilderness Unit – alder cutting; plant apple trees.

Wolf River Bottoms Wildlife Area--Herb Behnke Unit – alder cutting; plant apple trees.

Outagamie Wildlife Area – west dike will be renovated.

Maine Wildlife Area—plant apple trees.

LWRBNRA Krubsack Parcel—1 apple tree project site to be established.

LWRBNRA Zeuske Parcel—prescribed burn of 29 acres.

Navarino Wildlife Area—approximately 178 acres of prairie to be prescribe burned on 6 locations; 5 apple tree project sites will be established; 72 acres of agricultural fields will be planted to prairie; 43 acres of fecon mowing; complete dike maintenance on Wolf River Flowage-North Pool; begin dike maintenance work on Lindsten West, Pike's Peak, and 80-Acre Flowages; full drawdown on 80-Acre Flowage; 6.5 acres of Phragmites to be treated.

LWRBNRA Beilfuss Parcel—prescribed burned of 28 acres.

V. Real Estate Management

Navarino Wildlife Area—4 boundary lines will be surveyed.

LWRBNRA—working on small acquisition for better access to Navarino Wildlife Area.

VI. Administrative

VII. Partnership Work

Navarino Wildlife Area—complete the new land use agreement for trail maintenance and lease agreement for 15 years with Navarino Nature Center.